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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 9:30 AM
To: wyckoffcomments
Subject: Bainbridge Superfund Clean Up Comments / (b) (6)

Dear EPA:

First, I want to thank EPA for its ongoing involvement and commitment to this complicated Superfund site on Bainbridge Island. I have lived here since 1983, and have been involved with much of the 30 year narrative to get this site cleaned up, including finding the exposed and infamous Trench 3, full of toxic creosote wastes which a neighbor and I discovered at what was then the County Landfill. Fortunately, a great deal has happened since then, with many technical ups and downs and changes in EPA staff, but we here on the Island so appreciate EPA's willingness to work with our local community and the Washington Department of Ecology to find a permanent and sustainable solution.

I was a member of the Generational Remedy group that met at Islandwood to explore new technological solutions, and have also been on the citizen's committee that has met with EPA and DOE staff to help shape the final recommendations. So I have a pretty fair grasp of the technical issues involved, and understand the basis for your final recommendation of Alternative 7.

But in my further review and analysis of your report and a closer examination of the other alternatives, I have come to the conclusion that the best solution for our community is Alternative 4, not Alternative 7, close as they are in the scoring scales you utilized. The costs estimates are similar, but the key differences for me are the shorter time needed to complete the work which will have a dramatically smaller impact on the community in terms of noise, truck traffic and air pollution, and would allow the site to be used as a park much more quickly. I was also involved with the fundraising campaign to raise the 8 million dollars to purchase the site for Pritchard Park, and like many Island residents who were investors in that effort, we are eager to get this site remediated quickly and completely so Pritchard Park can become whole for the public to use. And any surface undulations that might result from employing Alternative 4 will be easily incorporate in the final design and will not be an issue at all.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration for your final recommendation.

Best,

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